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1-30-5t

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VS:
Alton Ray Davison Defendant
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Appomattox County Yesterday and Today

By Paul Ghioto

(AUTHOR'S NOTE: As a follow-up to another article in last week's paper, this week's article features one of Appomattox's famous sons, Joel Walker Sweeney.)

Joel Walker Sweeney was born in 1810, in what was then Buckingham County. His father was John Sweeney, a wheelwright, and his mother was Tabitha Baughs Sweeney. Joel had two sisters and two brothers, Samuel and Richard Alexander.

The parents possessed scant talent in music but their three sons made up for it. For many years they played together in a musical troupe. Alexander died in 1860 in Washington, D. C. after supposedly bursting a blood vessel when singing too high a pitch. Sam was a well-known banjo player in his own right. In 1862 he joined the 2nd Va. Cavalry, Co. H (the Appomattox Rangers). A favorite of the celebrated Confederate horseman, J.E. B. Stuart, Sam helped spread the fame of the surname Sweeney. The tragic consequences of war time caught up with Sam however and he died of smallpox at Orange Court House in January, 1864.

According to legend, Joel Sweeney made use of two house cats for the strings of his early instruments. In about 1831, he is credited by many with inventing the only major musical instrument invented in America - the 5-string "banjo". He did it by adding a fifth, or thumb string (he called it a "chanter") to a crude "ban-jar" (gourd) brought by slaves from Africa. At the top he placed a tuning device.

Beginning locally, Joe's troupe soon toured the country far and wide, earning far-reaching fame. Such was his reputation that during his lifetime he was considered foremost of the blackface minstrels. Another title given him has been "father of American minstrelsy".

Even the broad Atlantic could not limit Joel Sweeney's magic with the banjo. He was invited by Great Britian's Queen Victoria to give a performance at the royal quarters. So impressed was she that among the many gifts showered upon this talented man was a money belt filled with gold coins. The belt remains in the possession of a Sweeney descendant in Appomattox.

As a child, the late R. B. Poore remembered Sweeney and in later years said of his that he possesed a talent for giving very attractive concerts due to his great interest in his particular style of musical entertainment. He paid Joe Sweeney a great compliment by saying that "nearly all the leading minstrels who have since met with success, at one time or another belonged to Old Joe's Band."

"Old Dan Tucker" and "Lorena" are just two of Sweeney's famous works.

Unmarried, Joel Sweeney never had a home of his own. He visited often the home of his cousin, Charles Sweeney (pictured above) and when he died was buried on the family property near there.

The State Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics in Richmond lists Joe Sweeney's death as occurring on October 29, 1860 from "dropsy". Brother-in-law, Allen Conner, supplied the required information to then County Clerk George Peers.

Joe Sweeney probably died little thinking that over a hundred years leter his fifty-year existance would still be noted. This article is one of many that have been written about him.

Thanks largely to the efforts of the late banjo enthusiast Colonel George Collins, then of Connecticut, Sweeney's gravesite was modestly marked on March 2, 1954, with a stone of fine Georgia granite.

In the rarly 60's, Mrs. Lucile Watson of Lynchburg wrote the lyrics and noted singer 'Cile Turner of Bedford County recorded the song "Joe Sweeney" for Appomatox's Civil War Centennial year.

Joe Sweeney's original banjo is in the possession of the Los Angeles County Museum in California.

On September 23, 1972 a number of dignitaries gathered near the state wayside at Appomattox River and dedicated a Virginia Historical Landmarks Commission marker commemorating Sweeney's invention.

Today, visitors to the County Library may see a most interesting exhibit of banjos. An extra attraction are original handbills for performances bythe Sweeney troupe.

Joe Sweeney, one of the county's many famous citizens, is no doubt at this writing have a grand time just "strummin' on the old banjo."

LOOKING BACK...

1. Name the colored driver of heavy artillery in the Confederate Army from Appomattox.

ANSWERS:
1.) 2.) 3.) 4.) 5.) In
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(a) Frank Green (b) Robert Stephens (c) Robert Craig (d) Jacob Washington.
2. The old Appomattox Agricultural High School was built in what year?
(a) 1934 (b) 1926 (c) 1909 (d) 1898
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(a) 1952 (b) 1919 (c) 1940 (d) 1931
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Amberwood OAKWYNNE #547 15' x 7'4" 122.20 44.00
Gold OAKWYNNE #549 12' x 5 66.70 24.02
Green OAKWYNNE #550 12' x 8'9" 116.20 42.00
Green OAKWYNNE #551 15' x 7'1" 118.10 42.51
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